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## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUMMINGS) at 2 p.m.

## PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God of history, yet ever-present to Your people, as the sunlight is diminished, hot winds of pundits and prophets blow across the land. People complain with increasing volume to one another, but they are not seen crying out to You.

Jeremiah, traditionally the man of tears, has a teaching for people of this information age, how to truly lament. His faith in You is more powerful than any terrorist attack, so he refuses to be negative. The signs of corruption and ruins of former days surround him, but he never allows doubt in You. They are only the consequences of the sinful actions found in the powerful and poor alike.

So believing in the same divine providence which enlightened this Nation's Founders, Jeremiah says:

"Wise men should not boast of their wisdom, nor strong men of their strength, nor rich men of their wealth. If anyone wants to boast, he should boast that he knows and understands Me. He knows My love is constant, and I do only what is kind and just. These are the things that please me. I, the Lord, have spoken."

Let those who hear the Word of God say: "Amen."

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. FLEMING) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FLEMING led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

FULL BODY SCANNERS VIOLATE  
FOURTH AMENDMENT

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a trip to the airport these days leaves Americans with embarrassing choices. Law-abiding citizens can bare it all through a peekaboo body scanner—or

they can get groped in a pat-down search by a Federal employee. Now that's a real choice.

There is no evidence these new body scanners make us more secure. But there is evidence that former Homeland Security Chief Michael Chertoff made money hawking these full body scanners.

The underwear bomber tried to blow up a plane over Detroit last Christmas. Shortly thereafter, Chertoff went on a media tour promoting the full body scanners. This former Homeland Security chief told everyone we had to have the full body scanners at airports to be safe. Too bad he didn't disclose he was getting paid to sell these intrusive devices. Isn't that lovely?

Meanwhile, the populace is giving up more rights in the name of alleged security. These body scanners are a violation of the Fourth Amendment right against unreasonable searches and seizures. There must be a better way to have security at airports than taking pornographic photographs of our citizens, including children, and then giving apparent kickbacks to political hacks.

And that's just the way it is.

## EXTEND ALL TAX CUTS

(Mr. FLEMING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, in just a few weeks, the Obama tax hike time bomb, otherwise known as the expiration of the current tax cuts, will explode, resulting in the highest single tax increase in U.S. history.

For some, it is tempting to accept the argument that increasing taxes on upper incomes and small businesses will solve our deficit problems. However, any clear-thinking American knows that confiscating more money from Americans through taxes to feed a rapidly growing government will only lead to a continued death spiral of increased taxes and expanding government. Ultimately, we will have a shrinking private sector and fewer jobs.

Mr. Speaker, on November 2, the American people spoke loudly, and they said that we are in desperate need of reform in the way this government does its business. To that end, let me suggest that instead of making tax cuts temporary and spending permanent, that we make tax cuts permanent and spending temporary. It is time for Congress and the President to put the American people first and extend permanently all of the current tax cuts for families and small businesses in order to make this economy sound for generations to come.

## VALUE-ADDED TAX

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, in May, 154 of my Republican colleagues and I sent a letter to the President's Fiscal Commission asking them to reject a new value-added tax as a way to balance the Federal budget. With top White House advisers like John Podesta and Paul Volcker talking about the need for a VAT tax, there was great concern that the Fiscal Commission would look to this tax as an easy way to raise more revenue. Last week, I was pleased to see that the cochairs released a preliminary report that did not call for a new VAT tax.

The ease with which a VAT tax can raise revenue makes it especially dangerous. The government cannot create jobs, and a VAT tax would only further deplete resources from the private sector, the true center of job growth.

Now we need to have a serious debate in Congress about the best ways to control government spending and let the private sector flourish, grow, and create sustainable jobs.

LAME DUCK SESSION SHOULD INCLUDE  
AIRLINE SECURITY MEASURES

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the top priority of Congress for this lame duck session should be extending the tax cuts for all Americans in order to create jobs and get people back to work. Once this important matter is completed, I strongly encourage Congress to consider ways to protect the privacy of airline passengers while keeping air travel safe and secure.

Air travelers across America have come to expect a certain level of discomfort and anxiety when they fly; and for the most part, these American travelers are good sports and team players in the name of tight security. Recently, though, the patience and privacy of these travelers has been tested at a whole new level with full body scans. These intrusive scans are one such screening method that Congress should examine this year. I support the Aircraft Passenger Whole-Body Imaging Limitations Act, authored by Congressman JASON CHAFFETZ of Utah, to make sure the images lifted from scanners are not stored, transferred, or shared.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the global war on terrorism.

CONGRESS MUST ACT TO STOP  
TAX HIKE

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, 2 weeks ago today, the American people registered a historic rejection of American

liberalism and the agenda of this administration and this Congress. The American people said in deafening terms that they are tired of the borrowing and the spending and the bailouts and the takeovers and the tax increases of the recent past. They voted for change.

That's why it's so remarkable, Mr. Speaker, that this Congress is poised to allow one of the largest tax increases in American history to take effect in January of this year. A historic \$3.9 trillion tax increase could take effect, impacting every American, if Congress fails to act. The average tax increase will be more than \$1,500 per household. American families will see the marriage penalty reinstated, the child tax credit cut in half, and tax rates on investments and savings and inheritance will all increase.

It is absolutely imperative, if Congress accomplishes nothing else in this lame duck, that we take immediate action to make permanent all of the current tax rates. And let's be clear, this is not a debate over tax cuts. If the tax rates are not preserved permanently, it will result in one of the largest tax increases in history.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting legislation that we will introduce today to make those rates permanent.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would ask all Members to heed to the gavel, please.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF LANCE CORPORAL IRVIN CENICEROS

(Mr. BOOZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of America's bravest, Lance Corporal Irvin Cenicerros of Clarksville, Arkansas, who was taken from us while supporting combat missions in Afghanistan.

After graduating high school in 2007, Lance Corporal Cenicerros enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. Family members say it was the strength and character of the Marines that drew him to serve with the Corps, and his friends and comrades say he was a great machine gunner.

Lance Corporal Cenicerros served with the Marines all across the globe, and less than 2 weeks after arriving in Afghanistan, at the age of 21, he made the ultimate sacrifice for our great Nation.

My prayers and the prayers of the people of Arkansas are with the Cenicerros family. I humbly offer my thanks to Lance Corporal Irvin Cenicerros, a true American hero, for his selfless service to the security and well-being of all Americans.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

#### CONGRATULATING THE TOWN OF TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, ON ITS 250TH ANNIVERSARY

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1475) congratulates the town of Tarboro, North Carolina, on the occasion of its 250th anniversary.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

#### H. RES. 1475

Whereas, in 1759, Joseph Howell deeded 150 acres of land along the Tar River to establish a town;

Whereas the first town commissioners Reverend James Moir, Aquila Suggs, Lawrence Toole, Elisha Battle, and Benjamin Hart laid out a town that included 121 half-acre lots surrounded by 50 acres of town common;

Whereas the North Carolina General Assembly on November 30, 1760, approved the charter of a town called Tarboro along the banks of the Tar River;

Whereas Tarboro is the 11th oldest colonial town in North Carolina;

Whereas Tarboro has the only town common outside of Boston originally chartered with the town;

Whereas President George Washington slept in Tarboro during a visit on his southern tour in 1791;

Whereas Tarboro was home to former United States Congressman George Henry White who was elected to the Congress in 1896 and 1898, and was the last African-American to serve in Congress until World War II;

Whereas Tarboro was home to Henry Lawson Wyatt, the first North Carolina soldier to die in the Civil War;

Whereas Tarboro was home to former Congressman Lawrence H. (L.H.) Fountain who served North Carolina's Second Congressional District from 1953 to 1983;

Whereas Tarboro was home to General Henry "Hugh" Shelton who served in the United States Army and served as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1997 to 2001;

Whereas Tarboro is home to a 45-block historic district which was created in 1977 by the National Park Service;

Whereas the historic district boasts over 300 structures, from the residential dwellings to historic churches to original 19th century storefronts along Tarboro's Main Street;

Whereas the vibrant downtown is listed on the National Register of Historic Places;

Whereas Tarboro is known for its rich history, low crime rate, and high quality of life;

Whereas Tarboro offers extensive recreation opportunities for youth, adults, and seniors;

Whereas Tarboro is home to the Edgecombe County Veterans' Military Museum, the Tar River Paddle Trail, and the North Carolina Civil War Trail, and is a part of the Historic Albemarle Trail;

Whereas, in 1999, Tarboro was devastated by the flooding from Hurricane Floyd;

Whereas through hard work and unity, Tarboro was able to fully recover from the event to become an even stronger community; and

Whereas Tarboro today is home to approximately 11,000 residents and is known for its diversity and viable industrial base: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives congratulates the town of Tarboro, North Carolina, on the occasion of its 250th anniversary.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) and the gentleman from California (Mr. BILBRAY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia?

There was no objection.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I now yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I am pleased to present H. Res. 1475 for consideration. This measure congratulates the town of Tarboro, North Carolina, on its 250th anniversary.

H. Res. 1475 was introduced by our colleague, the gentleman from North Carolina, Representative G.K. BUTTERFIELD, on June 24, 2010. The measure was referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which ordered it reported favorably by unanimous consent on July 15, 2010. The measure enjoys the support of over 50 Members of the House.

Mr. Speaker, the North Carolina General Assembly approved the Tarboro town charter 250 years ago this month, November 30, 1760. It is one of the oldest colonial towns in the State. Its downtown is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and it has the only town common outside of Boston to be originally chartered with the town.

It was home to such notable figures as former United States Congressman George Henry White, who was elected to the Congress in 1896 and 1898. He was the last African American to serve in Congress until World War II.

Tarboro is also the home of General Hugh Shelton, who served in the United States Army and served as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1997 to 2001.

Mr. Speaker, let us join together in congratulating the town of Tarboro on reaching this historic milestone. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1475.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.